

thin shell full of dust. It contained a single partly grown Buprestid larva. I do not think I need to enlarge on the improbability of this larva having been in the log from which, after many travels and no doubt some lapse of time, this scrap of wood eventually reached my kitchen.

While I could add a great deal more to the above observations, I feel that enough has been said to prove my point, that the existence of Buprestid larvae in sawn lumber is a commonplace occurrence. Also that, in cases of beetles emerging from timbers imported to countries to which the species is not native, the possibility of those insects being the second or even the third generation, must be considered before definite conclusions can be drawn.

#### **AFFILIATION WITH THE SSZ**

On December 16, 1949, the newly-formed Coleopterists' Society applied for affiliation with the only-slightly-older Society of Systematic Zoology. We are informed that the council of the SSZ accepted the application at its December 28th meeting.

Because of the youth of both these societies it is difficult to foresee what specific advantages may result from this affiliation. The SSZ has over 550 members, scattered through the entire field of systematic zoology, and may well reach its goal of 1000 members. The influence of this society should be considerable, and the specialized societies like ours should find it profitable to keep in touch. We may also be able to aid the SSZ in its programs for improving the practice and teaching of taxonomy and the status of taxonomists.

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